



LEDGEWOOD LIGHT

Ledgewood Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
A BEACON ON THE HILL™



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THE GIFT OF GIVING

It is amazing to watch when God takes a seed planted by one person as it begins to blossom and grow into something that is beyond our wildest imagination. But that is exactly what happened when Karen Jeric asked for prayers for a young man named Devin during the sharing Joys and Concerns in worship in mid-October. Twelve-year old Devin is a friend of Karen's grandson and is in need of a lifesaving heart valve replacement. Irene, one of the members of the Grateful Praise Choir heard that prayer request and felt a stirring in her spirit to do something more than just pray. She made the suggestion to the choir director, Patricia Lawrence, that they ought to hold a benefit concert for Devin. And the rest as they say is history.

On Sunday, November 24th, Ledgewood was honored to host the Grateful Praise Choir in a benefit concert for Devin. We were blessed to have Devin and his family along with many other members and friends join us for an afternoon of beautiful music, all sung for the glory of God. We also heard Irene's stirring testimony of how God's amazing grace has been shown in her own life. All of the proceeds raised have been given to Devin's family to help offset some of the expenses for Devin's ongoing medical care. Your continued prayers are appreciated for Devin who is scheduled to have his surgery in March 2020. Special thanks to the Grateful Praise Choir and to everyone who made this special event possible!



*Pastor Heidi and the Moore Family,
Taeya, Devin, Arthur and Dawn*



The Grateful Praise Choir



Carson and Devin

The Most Wonderful Time of the Year

A Note from the Pastor:

The Christmas movies started playing around the clock several weeks ago. In theory it is to get us ready for the celebration of the Christmas holiday. However, there is a part of me that can't help wondering if it is really more of a ploy to get us ready for the Christmas holiday shopping. As all of the commercials for an extended time for "Black Friday" deals have been airing, it has made me more than a little suspicious. After all, couched in between the feel good stories of love and good cheer that come at Christmas, the marketing ads that are targeted toward getting us out into the malls as well as into cyber space earlier than ever, seem only natural.

But we should never lose sight of the real meaning of Christmas and what makes it truly the most wonderful time of the year. It is the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. It is the time when we pause to remember God's greatest gift, the One who came to give His life for us.

As the season of Advent begins, we are encouraged to reflect on the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that came wrapped in swaddling cloths and was found laying in a manger, because there was no room at the inn. Unlike those innkeepers, we can make room for Jesus in our hearts, not just at Christmas, but all year long. And as we do that, let us engage in a little "re-gifting" as we share the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of Jesus with our family and friends and all the people whose paths we cross this season.

Wishing you all the love and joy your heart can hold at Christmas and always!

With much love, your Pastor and friend,

Pastor Heidi



Twelve Days of Christmas

by Carroll Robertson

On the first day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Salvation... Full and Free.



On the second day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the third day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the fourth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the fifth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the sixth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the seventh day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... a Body Glorified, Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the eighth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... a Robe and a Crown, a Body Glorified, Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the ninth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Mansions Up Above, a Robe and a Crown, a Body Glorified, Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the tenth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... a Street of Pure Gold, Mansions Up Above, a Robe and a Crown, a Body Glorified, Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the eleventh day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... a Thousand Tongues to Sing, a Street of Pure Gold, Mansions Up Above, a Robe and a Crown, a Body Glorified, Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



On the twelfth day of Christmas, Jesus gave to me... Eternity to Praise, a Thousand Tongues to Sing, a Street of Pure Gold, Mansions Up Above, a Robe and a Crown, a Body Glorified, Power from on High, Joy for My Soul, Love for All Men, Peace in My Heart, Everlasting Life and Salvation... Full and Free.



A Little **LIGHT** Humor...

Questions to ponder...

- ? Can you cry under water?
- ? If money doesn't grow on trees, why do banks have branches?
- ? Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- ? What did cured ham actually have?
- ? Why is it that people say they "slept like a baby" when babies wake up every two hours?
- ? Why do people pay to go up into tall buildings then put money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?
- ? How come we choose from just two people for President and fifty for Miss America?
- ? Why are you **IN** a movie, but you are **ON** TV?
- ? If nothing sticks to Teflon, how does Teflon stick to the pan?
- ? Why do we park on a driveway and drive on a parkway?



It's About Time for Some More **LIGHT** Humor...

- ⊕ The days of the digital watch are numbered.
- ⊕ Why do we wait until night to "call it a day"?
- ⊕ I wrote a book about watch making... everyone said it was about time!
- ⊕ The shortest known unit is the time between the change of the traffic light and the honk from the person behind you.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



REGULAR SCHEDULE

Worship Service	Sundays – 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School for all ages	Sundays – 10:00 a.m.
Official Board Meeting	Next meeting, Thursday, December 12 th 7:30 p.m.
FREE Community Breakfast	Every Third Saturday 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.
Fourth Friday Family Fun Fellowship	Every Fourth Friday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 1st ***Advent Begins!** Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectant waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus at Christmas. The candles in the Advent wreath represent the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love that characterize this season of celebration, anticipation and expectation as we await the coming of Christ.*

Sunday, December 8th ***Search for the Christ Child,** is an interactive "Journey to Bethlehem" that will take place at the Federated (76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls) from 3:00 - 5:00 P.M. All are invited to attend. This event is Free, however canned food donations and free-will offerings are accepted.*

Tuesday, December 17th ***"End Gun Violence"** is a candlelight vigil being held at St. Mark's Presbyterian Church (22111 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH) at 7:00 P.M., in remembrance of the more than 700,000 Americans who have been injured or killed by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy seven years ago. This event is being sponsored by God Before Guns as one of the Nationwide vigils and events to #EndGunViolence.*

Wednesday, December 18th ***Service of Solace** at Federated Church (76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls) at 7:00 pm with a reception to follow. Also sometimes called "Blue Christmas" or "Longest Night," this is a service that offers support, prayer and reflection for those experiencing loss, sorrow, pain, or anything making the holidays difficult. This is a service of comfort and hope through prayer, reflection and special music. Everyone is welcome to attend this service, those who are in need as well as those willing to offer support and compassion.*

Tuesday, December 24th ***Our annual Christmas Eve Service of Carols, Communion and Candlelight** will be held at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary. The Christ Candle on the Advent wreath will be lit as we celebrate that Jesus Christ, the true light of the world, has come. Please honor the birth of Christ by joining us and bringing your family and friends. As is our tradition, the offering received at that service will be directed to the Geauga Hunger Cupboards.*





DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

June Angle	December 2	Sam Morris	December 19
Don Angle	December 2	Jane Gray	December 21
Eva Drnka	December 13		

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Chanelle Kazamek	January 3	Cedric McMillon	January 20
Jeff Angle	January 6	Jackie (Morris) Greulich	January 25
Dave Morris	January 7	Gisela Suarez	January 29
Nickolas Greulich	January 15		



DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jackie (Morris) & Thorsten Greulich	December 10
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REMINDERS

The Ledgewood Christian Church Youth Ministry continues their outreach efforts to collect donations for the on-going support of the Geauga County Hunger Cupboards. We have been partnering with the Burton United Christian Church (the location of one of the county's seven food cupboards) in answering a "special need" each month. The "special need" for December is **baking staples; e.g. flour, sugars, salt, soda, spices, flavoring**. The bin for donations is located in the narthex. As always, your contributions of non-perishable foods and "special need items" are all greatly appreciated!



**REMEMBER, HUNGER NEVER
TAKES A HOLIDAY!**

**LEDGEWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FREE
MONTHLY COMMUNITY BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2019
SERVING 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM**

**8261 Kinsman Rd.
(Rt. 87 just west of Rt. 306)
Novelty, Ohio 44072**

Questions??? Please call Jeff Angle
440.564.5912

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**Menu includes:
Pancakes
Scrambled eggs
Sausage
Salmon patties
Orange juice,
Coffee, Tea
... and more!**



Search for the Christ Child

An interactive journey to Bethlehem



Sunday, December 8
Open House 5:00—8:00 PM

Federated Church
76 Bell Street, Chagrin Falls, OH

Free admission.
All ages are welcome!

You're invited to come experience the Christmas Story live never before!

Follow a shepherd guide on a 20-minute interactive journey along Mary and Joseph's trek to Bethlehem. Meet angels, wise men, King Herod, and other characters before ultimately arriving at the live nativity to behold the Christ child.

Enjoy cookies and hot chocolate while waiting to Begin. Small treat bags provided to children.

Appropriate for all ages. This event is free and open to the community— invite your friends!



*An abbreviated version is available to those who might find stairs challenging.

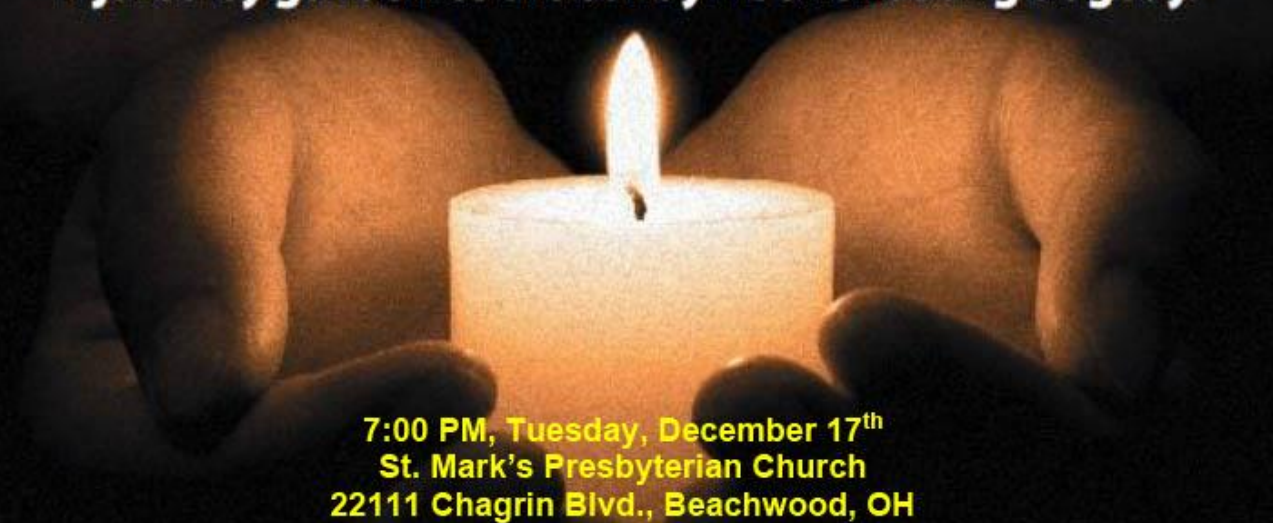


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2019 Nationwide Vigils & Events to **#EndGunViolence**

Come together to remember over 700,000 Americans killed or injured by guns since the Sandy Hook shooting tragedy.



**7:00 PM, Tuesday, December 17th
St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
22111 Chagrin Blvd., Beachwood, OH**

**Candlelight Vigil
Sponsored by God Before Guns**

At hundreds of locations nationwide, remembering *victims* and *survivors* of gun violence in the nation and Northeast Ohio, with a call to action to #EndGunViolence in America.

More info posted at godbeforeguns.org/events. Contact us at godbeforeguns@gmail.com

The Newtown Foundation • Newtown Action Alliance • Alliance for Gun Responsibility • American Association of Suicidology • American Gun Safety Association • Amnesty International USA • Bishops United Against Gun Violence • Blessed Ministries & Blessed Devotions • Brady • Brady Campaign Stanislaus County California • Campaign to Unload • Ceasefire Oregon • CeaseFirePA • Center for American Progress • Chicago Survivors Org. • Coalition Against Gun Violence-A Santa Barbara County Coalition • Coalition to Stop Gun Violence Community Justice Action Fund • Community of Sant'Egidio • Concerned Citizens Against Gun Violence • CT Against Gun Violence • Delaware Coalition Against Gun Violence • Episcopal Peace Fellowship • Equality California • Everytown Survivor Network • Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence • Florida Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence • Franciscan Action Network • Gays Against Guns • Generation Progress • Georgians for Gun Safety • Giffords • Grandmothers Against Gun Violence-Cape Cod • Gun Safety Alliance • Gun Violence Prevention Action Committee • Gun Violence Prevention Center of Utah • Gun Violence Prevention PAC • GunsenseVermont • Healing 4 Our Families & Our Nation • Hemdon Reston Citizens Against Gun Violence • Hoosiers Concerned About Gun Violence • Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence • International Health & Epidemiology Research Center • Jewish Women International • Journey 4ward • The Joyce Foundation • Jr Newtown Action Alliance • Maine Gun Safety Coalition • March for Our Lives • March For Our Lives DC • March For Our Lives Virginia • Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence • Micah Leadership Council • Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence • Million Hoodies Movement for Justice • Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America • Mothers United Against Violence • National Council of Jewish Women • National Equality Action Team (NEAT) • #NoRA • North Carolinians Against Gun Violence • Ohio Coalition Against Gun Violence • On Earth Peace • Pax Christi Metro DC-Baltimore • Protect Minnesota • Psychiatrists for Gun Violence Prevention • Purpose Over Pain • Rabbinical Assembly • Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association • Rhode Island Coalition Against Gun Violence • San Diegans for Gun Violence Prevention • Sandy Hook Promise • Silver State Equality-Nevada • Sisters of St. Francis Justice • Peace and Care for Creation Committee • Srs. of St. Joseph of Carondelet • St. Marks Episcopal Church Capitol Hill DC • States United to Prevent Gun Violence • Stop Handgun Violence • Survivors Empowered • Survivors Lead • Temple Micah • Temple Sinai • The Campaign to Keep Guns Off Campus • The Educational Fund to Stop Gun Violence • The ENOUGH Campaign • This Is Our Lane • Urban Word NYC • Vision Quilt • Washington National Cathedral • WWVE Educational Fund • Women's March and Women's Voices Raised for Social Justice

Service of Solace

Wednesday, December 18th | 7 pm

Federated Church, 76 Bell St., Chagrin Falls - Chapel

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The indoor Labyrinth will be set up in Fellowship Hall that day starting at noon for meditative walking, prayer and reflection. After the service, there will be a time for fellowship and support with light refreshments.

Any questions? Contact Rev. Susi Kawolics at skawolics@fedchurch.org or at 440.247.6490 ext. 102 for more information.

